

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex H. Washburn

**South Wins Fight
for Uniform Rail
Freight Rates**

The South has won a 10-year fight for freight rate equality with Northern and Eastern industry. Although complaints against "favored treatment" of the big Eastern cities date back to 1888, according to Interstate Commerce Commission files, the first concerted action to get justice for the South was taken only a decade ago. The Southern Governors' Conference decided to make a co-operative, continuing fight.

The first great victory was a United States District Court decision in favor of the South in 1946. And the South won definitely when the United States Supreme Court sustained the order of the lower court demanding that freight rates be equalized.

The first of this month, therefore, the railroads of America began filing new "class" rates with the ICC, establishing uniform charges in all the states lying east of the Rocky Mountains. Actually the rates apply to the entire country, but the effective date east of the Rockies is this May—while the effective date west of the mountains has been postponed until the ICC completes a special study of the West Coast.

This is a great victory for the South—but I suppose it makes rather dry reading for those who haven't followed the story down through the years. Here is a brief outline of the issue:

The traditional basis for fixing freight rates wasn't mileage alone. The volume of business which the railroads got out of certain manufacturing cities had much to do with what the carriers charged. For a lot of tons they charged one city or section less per ton per mile than they charged another city or section which gave them little freight business. In addition, of course, there were different classifications of freight; for instance, raw commodities were moved in bulk into a manufacturing center at a cheaper rate than manufactured products were moved out again—nevertheless, these manufactured products coming out of an Eastern city moved cheaper mile-for-mile than when they were made in a Southern city.

The South's historic complaint was that very frequently an Eastern factory could buy raw material here in our own section, freight it to the East, turn it into manufactured goods, and ship those goods right back into our own territory cheaper than we could manufacture the same articles and ship them a couple hundred miles. This was literally true of the towns I know best, El Dorado, where I spent six years, and Hope, the last 23. But it was also true of some of the Middle Western cities which were battling the old industrial centers of the East.

The greatest example was Chicago, second city of America, with one of the greatest trade territories in the nation. Chicago had a favorable freight rate on meat and grain and other agricultural products, due to the tremendous freight traffic it had always given the railroads in these commodities; but when Chicago wanted to develop diversified industry it found, for instance, that it couldn't go into the steel business because Pittsburgh, No. 1 steel producer, had the railroads on its side.

Chicago won its fight against Pittsburgh without government help, but only because United States Steel corporation happened to decide it wanted to put a plant in the Chicago area—at Gary, U. S. Steel, being the No. 1 steel producer, broke up the Pittsburgh monopoly because it alone carried as much weight with the railroads as the rest of the steel producers combined.

Actually, the Chicago-Pittsburgh fight was a preliminary to the final victory which we have today, when, effective this May, the freight charge in each given classification of goods will be equalized on a mileage basis.

It means a great deal to the small cities of the South and West. Industry is moving our way. Textile mills are quitting New England in droves, coming South—close to their raw materials. There is the same trend in the paper pulp business, and many other lines.

And the equalization of freight rates is the greatest advantage our section has ever won, for it assures us that such new industry as does settle in our section won't have its throat cut by discriminatory railroad rates while trying to reach the big markets with finished goods.

Clow Plans Annual Dramatic Meet

Clow Training School of Ozan will hold its annual dramatic tournament on February 21. E. L. Hawkins, announced. Prizes will be given to winners.

Participating will be Clow, Columbus and Lincoln high schools and Sevier County Training School.

Negro Found Dead on Hazel Street

Ira Williams, local negro, was found dead yesterday behind Duke Lightfoot's place on Hazel street. His body was discovered by Betty Shaw. Local officials said there was no sign of violence and death was attributed to natural causes.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Mostly cloudy, cool today, tonight, with snow flurries in northwest today, Sunday, 10°

Temperature
High 53 Low 35
Rainfall .28

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Nunan Facing Two Probes of Revenue Deals

Washington, Feb. 16 (AP)—Joseph D. Nunan Jr. today faced possible investigation by the Justice Department and Congress into his relations with firms having tax troubles.

The Revenue Bureau said Nunan, after resigning as U. S. tax commissioner in June 1947, sought and obtained permission to represent nine such firms.

The fast-moving case brought these late developments:

1. Sen. George (D-Ga) announced the revenue bureau had advised his Senate Finance Committee that it turned over to the Justice Department for prosecution all nine tax cases in which Nunan's name appeared.

2. Rep. King (D-Calif) announced that the House Ways and Means Committee, now probing income tax scandals in San Francisco, will call Nunan as a witness for a public airing of the nine cases.

3. Sen. Williams (R-Del), whose one-man inquiries have been a potent factor in unearthing tax scandals, repeated under oath his denial of involvement of the Indianapolis Brewing Co. case.

This newest, many-sided income tax uproar was set off by a Senate speech Thursday in which Williams said the Indianapolis Brewing Co. got a \$35,000 tax rebate on top of settling for \$4,500 a \$636,000 claim for back federal taxes after Nunan got permission in 1949 to handle its tax appeal.

The brewery case is one of the nine listed by the Internal Revenue Bureau. Others were:

The Watson Elevator Co., New York City; Brown Derby Corp., Ltd., and Brown Derby Wine and Spirits Corp., no address given; Capitol Distributors Corp., New York City; Euclid Brewing Co., Portage, Wis.; Lawrence Bardin, Racine, Wis.; Alvin Bardin, Racine, Wis.; Denmark Brewing Co., Denmark, Wis.; and Joseph and Elsie Adlman, Sterling Braed Corp. and Allied Realty Corp. of New York City.

The bureau said waivers were given to Nunan to represent Alvin and Lawrence Bardin, and the Indianapolis Brewing Co., but it did not know whether the waivers were issued.

Williams denied he ever represented the brewery or accepted fees from it and said he did not recall ever seeking waivers to represent the firm.

Federal law bars certain government officials from pressing tax claims against the United States for clients within two years after they leave office. It provides for waivers in some cases.

In Chicago, Alvin Bardin, president of the new defunct brewery, said he never had business deal-

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'Whiz Kids' Is Selected as Junior Play

A cast of thirteen will present "The Whiz Kids," a farce in three acts by Jay Tobols, as the Junior Class play in the auditorium March 7 at 8 p. m.

Leading roles will be played by Jan Moses as Bunny and Barkley Fuller as Buck, the adorable twins. Other comedy parts are played by Nell Cassidy as the negro maid, and Darryl Messer as "Cal" the negro handyman.

The play centers around the terrific twins, Buck and Bunny, who are trying to arrange a marriage for their mother. The gloomy old mansion in which they live is supposed to be inhabited by the spook. The negro characters keep the audience in an uproar, along with the lisping boy, who is also mama's baby. How the "Whiz Kids" discover a small fortune and bring about the marriage of their mother to one of their choice forms the startling finale of this whirlwind comedy.

Two Blevins Burglaries Cleared Up

Sheriff Claud Sutton today announced that two burglaries at Blevins had been cleared up with the arrest of Dock Harris, 37, negro parolee who had previously been convicted for burglary.

In 1950 Stephens Store was entered and the burglar took \$3 in money and some clothing. In 1951 the store was robbed a second time netting burglar \$185.

Sheriff Sutton and Deputy Allen Shipp took a window of a transom where the entrance to the store was made and took it to state police headquarters in Little Rock where a fingerprint expert finally discovered Harris' print on the window.

This led to his arrest, Sheriff Sutton said, indicating Harris had admitted the burglaries.

Camden Night Spots Raided

Camden, Feb. 16 (AP)—Arkansas State police and Alcoholic Beverage Control Board agents early today raided four Ouachita County night spots.

The State Police reported no gambling was found but that two persons were arrested on charges of possessing wine and beer for sale without a license. They were identified as George Elthridge of the Owl Club and Ralph Funderburg of the Plantation club.

Parked Car Hit by Another

Officers are searching for an auto that hit another parked in front of a home at 102 South Washington yesterday. The parked vehicle is owned by Mrs. Lorene Bryon. The incident caused minor damage.

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Civilization Is Dangerous Says Florida's Famous 'Hermit of Cabbage Key'

By HAL BOYLE
St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP)—This climate is very good for hermits.

My favorite hermit, old Silas Dent, is still thriving at 71, convinced that a man can find happiness alone.

Old Silas is Florida's senior hermit. He lives on a small island 12 miles southwest of here, and is known as "The Hermit of Cabbage Key."

Silas, who has a bushy beard and rather looks like Santa Claus gone to seed, gets along very well on a \$65 a month state pension and the pin money he picks up selling hand-made fly swatters to tourist.

About once a month old Silas boats over to the nearby village of Pass-A-Grille to laugh at tourists, then returns to his island paradise and his favorite pastime—reading the bible.

He enjoys her solicitude very much, as he is an old hypochondriac at heart. Each equinox he is sure he will die, but the prospect of death doesn't dismay him in the least.

"I have made my peace with the Lord," he tells visitors, "and I am just sitting here waiting for him to take me in his own good time."

Old Silas has been a success at hermiting he is inspiring others to follow his example.

The latest are two lady hermits—Mrs. Barbara Simmonds and Esther Shelton. They live all alone on a one-acre mangrove patch near Cabbage Key, which they call "God's Island." They spend their time painting and writing. When the waves lap over their island during storms, they go to a village hotel on the mainland.

"They seem very happy out here," said Wilson Hubbard, a rugged young fishing guide who rowed me out to their retreat. Hubbard flew to many strange parts of the world as a transport pilot for Uncle Sam. He has a grateful feeling toward the last World War because, as he said, "it taught me that everything I really wanted out of life was right back here at home."

As he has a heavy beard, this keeps him pretty busy.

Some time ago a piece of old Silas became worried about him and talked him into coming to live with her family on the mainland. His niece fixed him a nice, hot bath and he promptly fell and broke five ribs. As soon as he recovered he insisted on returning to his island paradise.

"Civilization is too dangerous," Only three other people live on the island—Claude McCall, a shrimp fisherman, his wife, and their two-year-old son, Terry. Mrs. McCall keeps a watchful eye on the elderly hermit's health.

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HEADLINERS — Hossein Fatemi, former Deputy Premier of Iran, was shot and severely wounded by a 16-year-old member of the Fadayan Islam, Moslem extremist group, right. In Tehran, Iran. Lawrence P. Bardin, center, former general manager of the Indianapolis Brewery Co., mentioned in connection with Internal Revenue scandals, sips coffee in Houston, Texas, as he tells how he made a deal to settle a tax lien. Former Internal Revenue Commissioner Joseph D. Nunan, left, has been named a "rat" by Police Commissioner George Monahan, who received a \$35,000 tax refund in 1951. (NEA Telephoto)



HEADS OF STATE IN KING'S PROCESSION — Heads of state and royalty from many nations pay homage to Britain's dead monarch, King George VI, by marching in the procession carrying the royal orb. From left, starting with first row at left: President Auriol, of France; King Frederik, of Denmark; King Paul, of Greece; King Gustav Adolf, of Sweden. Second Row: President Ivan Ribar, of Yugoslavia; King Faiz, of Iraq; President Celal Bayar, of Turkey. Third Row: Crown Prince Ruzvadovitch, of Jordan; Crown Prince Olaf, of Norway; Crown Prince Merid Azmash Asfawwassen, of Ethiopia; Fourth Row: Prince Felix, of Luxembourg; Prince Bernhard, of the Netherlands; Prince Ali Reza, of Iran. Behind them are Marshal Shah Wall Khan, and Prince Zaid, extreme right.

Revamping of Highway's Entire System Suggested as Only Way to Good State Roads

Little Rock, Feb. 18 (AP)—Revamping Arkansas' highway system has been suggested as the only way to bring about good roads in the state.

This was one of several suggestions offered to the Arkansas Highway Audit Commission at its final public hearing here yesterday.

Johnson said that force work doesn't have the same supervision that contract work receives. He said that even though the engineering staff worked at peak capacity, the commission agreed to a request by one of its secretaries, Commissioner Orval Faubus, to add five million dollars in additional construction on the program in June, 1951.

Johnson said the original 1951 program contained 20 million dollars in proposed work because the "commission always has over-programmed." He added that 18 million dollars of the total 25 million dollar program was now under contract, but 10 work orders still were to be issued.

Johnson testified that maintenance throughout the state was not uniform, resulting in incompetent, unskilled or indifferent help. He disclosed that he had been asked to meet with Federal Bureau of Public Roads engineers next week to discuss whether the state has an engineering staff adequate to handle a "full fledged construction program."

Johnson said all types of engineering analyses and estimates indicated that Arkansas was losing 18 million a year from its highway investment and that it wasn't replacing the loss that fast.

4. Decentralization of engineering administration from the Little Rock headquarters to the maintenance districts.

5. Increased salaries to encourage new technical employees to enter state service.

6. Modernization of accounting procedures. This already has been undertaken by the Arkansas Highway Commission.

7. Removal of politics from personnel administration and road placement.

Johnson also recommended that the state impose a special tax on heavy trucks moving through the state. He suggested that proceeds from the tax—fixed in relation to the amount of weight carried and distance traveled—go toward upkeep the construction of main truck highways.

He said the main highways are the ones being torn down by the heavy trucks and the people should demand that the trucks bear their share of the cost of replacement.

The group expressed sincere appreciation to R. D. Franklin for the donation of lots which made the project possible.

The group will hold a regular meeting at the end of the month.

The couple is now residing in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where Mr. Williams is associated with federal district courts. Eugene Rice, of Muskogee, is the attorney for the couple.

Masons to Hold Washington's Birthday Dinner

The annual Washington's Birthday dinner for Masons and their wives

SOCIETY

Phone 7-481 between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

and Mrs. Ted Jones will discuss chapter seven in the study course on "God."

Tuesday, February 19
This VFW Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, Feb. 19, at 7:30 at the Full Hostess will be Mrs. Claude Byrd and Mrs. Denver Hornady.

Thursday, February 21
Rev. and Mrs. L. T. Lawrence will entertain the Deacons of the Church at the Monse. B. Main St. with a dinner on Thursday night, at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Rae Luck Hostess
To Dahlia Garden Club
"Technique About Flower Arranging" was the subject of the program given by Mrs. Ben Owen when

the Dahlia Garden Club met with Mrs. Rae Luck Friday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Yarbrough was welcomed into the club as a new member. During the business session, it was decided that two more shrubs be planted at Brookwood School. Mrs. Pete Shields volunteered to see that they were put out.

Mrs. J. O. Luck's mass arrangement won the flower judging.

During the social hour the hostess assisted by the co-hostess, Mrs. J. O. Luck, served a salad plate and coffee to eleven members.

The meeting in March will be with Mrs. Troy Greenlee and Mrs. Carl Greenlee.

Orville Dean Steadman Honored on 8th Birthday
Orville Dean Steadman was honored on his 8th birthday with a party when the Cub Scouts of den 2, pack 58, met at his home after their meeting.

The following scouts were present: Bobby Aaron, Richard McRae, Hugh Donald Barwick, Glen Cuthbert, Roy Tufts, Kenneth Rollin, and Orville Dunn. Mrs. Steadman was assisted by Mrs. Thomas Aaron.

Founder's Day Program Held

The PTA's of Hope met in the High School auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 3 o'clock for the annual "Founder's Day" program honoring the founders of National Congress of Parents and Teachers on its 50th birthday.

The Founder's Day committee from Paisley PTA and Olsbury PTA, Mrs. Albert Graves, Mrs. Frank Yarbrough, Mrs. Clayton Cromer, and Mrs. Ellis, planned candle favors bearing "50" on each guest and had charge of registration by schools with 100 registering.

The Founder's Day committee from the Jr. and Sr. High PTA Mrs. Franklin Horton, Mrs. Oliver Adams and Mrs. Clyde Coffee, had charge of silver offering and decorating the table in the Home Ec cottage.

Mrs. Dexter Bailey, Mrs. E. J. Whitman and Mrs. Howard Byers, Founder's Day committee from Garland PTA placed baskets of spring flowers tied with blue satin bows on either side of the stage in the auditorium and placed flowers in the Home Ec cottage.

Mrs. Jim McKenzie, city council PTA president, welcomed the guests and introduced Miss Beryl Henry who explained PTA Life Membership and at this time presented Mrs. George W. Robisch, retiring president of city council PTA, a life membership given her by the city council PTA. She also presented Mrs. P. J. Holt, a state officer, a life membership given her by the members of the Jr. Sr. High School PTA.

The program was then turned over to the Founder's Day committee from Brookwood PTA, Mrs. G. A. Hobbs, Mrs. Fred Eller, Mrs. Bill Wray, and Mrs. George Wright who presented a Founder's Day pageant, "Parents with a Purpose." Those taking part in the pageant were: Mrs. H. E. Trush, impersonating the founder, Alice McLellan Birney, and Mrs. James McLarty, Phoebe Apperson Hearst.

An unusual arrangement of red carnations inside a white satin heart was placed on the mantel. Queen of Hearts story-book dolls were used at points of vantage to carry out the Valentine theme. Interesting arrangements of Japanese and white hyacinths were on either side of the entrance to the dining room.

In the dining room, the table was decorated with a floor length white nylon marquisette cloth covered with small red satin hearts. Centered on the table was a crystal punch bowl filled with red punch.

A lace trimmed red satin heart was placed in the middle of the crystal plate, which contained an assortment of red and white heart-shaped cookies. Another crystal plate contained the filled punch cups. The further use of large Valentines and Queen of Hearts dolls completed the arrangements.

Assisting in the dining room and wearing white net floor length dresses were Bob Bridgers, Jackie Holt, and Charlene Rogers.

Other Home Economics girls assisting throughout the cottage were Lucille Adams, Lynell Baker, Patrice Birk, Nell Cassidy, Julia Dunc, Charlotte Hobbs, Carolyn Jones, Margaret Oliver, Mattie Fay Payne, Debbie Pyle, Iris Nell Byers, Vonnie Robinson, Marlene Russell, Payne Samuels, Betty Saunders, Frances Shriver, Marilyn Shiver, Barbara Smith, Nalba Turner, Frances Waisenberger, Jacque Williams, and Nannette Williams.

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Nunan Facing
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ings with Nunan and had met him only once—at a luncheon.

In Houston, Tex., Lawrence P. Bardin, former general manager of the brewery, said Nunan represented him, not the firm, and still does.

The brewery controversy drew into the spotlight Frank E. McKinney, now Democratic national chairman, who insisted the whole thing had nothing to do with him. McKinney said the Fidelity Trust Co. of Indianapolis, which headed, issued a \$120,000 mortgage to the Indianapolis Brewing Co., but that it was made before Bardin's group took over. He said the Bardin group paid the loan in full in 1948 and they had no relations afterward.

Alvin Bardin had dropped McKinney's name into the muddled picture by saying that his group borrowed \$180,000 from Fidelity after buying the brewery in 1948 from a group of which Frank McNamee, political sponsor of McKinney, was a member. McNamee is a Dorothea national committee man from Indiana.

In Indianapolis, Chester L. Robinson, vice president of Fidelity Trust, said, "Bardin must be talking through his hat—the deal was not financed here."

The brewery went out of existence in 1949 after a receivership suit and a stormy tax fight with the government.

Nunan is one to a list of persons the Senate investigations subcommittee listed recently as part of "a reservoir of political influence" it had been built improperly up to get favors from the government.

Arkansas Pastor Heads Baptists

New Orleans, Feb. 15 (AP)—The new president of the Southern Baptist Press Association is Dr. B. H. Duncan of Little Rock.

He was chosen at the closing session of the Association's three-day meeting here yesterday.

Places of clay tiles have been found in the palace of Egyptian Pharaoh Amenhotep IV that were decorated with lotus, fishes, birds and a water pattern.

the three parents, Mrs. L. B. Tool, Mrs. Hinton Davis, and Mrs. Sam Strong. Members were then invited to a tea in the Home Ec cottage, with Mrs. Hamilton Hagan, Misses Marlon Hart and Earlene Lewis, practice teachers, and twenty-five second year home economics girls as hostesses. The Valentine motif was carried throughout the living room and dining room.

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Coming and Going

Dr. Emmett Thompson and Mr. Eddie Whitman attended the annual Jaycee Minstrels in Camden Thursday night.

Miss Caroline Hawthorne of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, is spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawthorne.

Bobby Joe Philipp of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia is the son and guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Philipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morton and sons, Ronnie and Gerry, left today for a two weeks visit in Tucson, Arizona, with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McGregor and family.

Josephine Adelton, Mrs. Charles V. Hall, Mrs. Mrs. William Forderer of New Braunfels, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. John White, Mr. and Mrs. Schubert, Mrs. Mrs. T. R. Wilson, Mrs. Mrs. W.

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